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### **Computer Professional's Dictionary**

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**monochrome**

**monochrome** 1. Literally, single chromatic—a single color. 2. A type of video monitor capable of displaying only a single color.

**monospace** A typeface in which each character has the same width as every other character. Sometimes referred to as fixed pitch. See also *proportional space*.

**Monte Carlo method** A technique of deriving a solution to a problem in a random fashion, or through the use of random numbers.

**most significant bit** The leftmost bit in a series of bits.

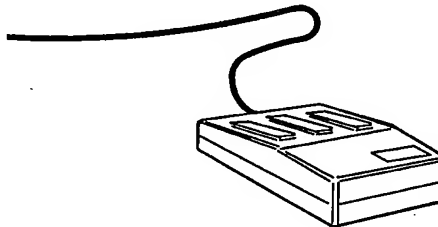
**most significant byte** The leftmost byte in a series of bytes.

**most significant digit** The leftmost digit in a series of digits.

**motherboard** The main printed circuit board of an electronic device such as a computer. Sometimes called a backplane or system board.

**mount** To load a tape or disk pack so it is ready to function.

**mouse** A hand-operated pointing device used to input positional information to a program. A mouse may be equipped with one or more (typically two or three) control buttons. Software, through a special driver, can sense the position of the mouse, its movement, and the state of the control buttons. This information is then used to control how the software functions. The following shows a typical mouse:



**mouse pointer** The on-screen icon, cursor, or indicator, the movement of which is controlled by the mouse.